**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The information is not available with me.

**MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR** (*Kartikapallai II*) : Will the member be pleased to state when the Report, as matters stand, is due?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The period of the Committee has been extended up to the end of Thulam, and recommendation has been received from the President of the Committee to have the period extended up to the end of Dhanu, and I believe the President has stated that, by the end of Dhanu, the Report will be presented.

*Hill allowance in the Devicolam Division.*

18. ***MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanachery I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the annual saving recommended by the Retrenchment Committee by the reduction of the hill allowance in the Devicolam Division ;

(*b*) the saving actually effected by the Government as per order No. Fl. 450, dated 14-3-1932 ; and

(*c*) the annual saving as it now stands in the light of the order No. Fl. 1520/231, dated 14-8-1933?

**MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Rs. 29,000.

(*b*) Rs. 29,000 per annum.

(*c*) Rs. 27,115.

*Appointment of Muslims as Sub-Registrars.*

19.* **MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are qualified Muhammedans in the Registration Department for appointment as Sub-Registrars?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the affirmative.

**MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*) : May I know from the member whether the Government will be pleased to appoint more Muhammedans as Sub-Registrars to make the number proportionate?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) More Muhammedans will be appointed when vacancies arise and when qualified Muhammedans are available for appointment as Sub-Registrars.

**MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*) : May I know whether there is any qualified Muslim for the post of Sub-Registrar in the office of the Director of Registration?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is one Mr. Abdul Khadir Sahib who is already in the list of acting and temporary Sub-Registrars. He is an undergraduate. He has acted as a Sub-Registrar before and is waiting for his chance to be sent out again in the order of seniority fixed by Government. While

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fixing his rank, his communal claims have been considered. If this were not done, he would have had to rank two or three places below his present rank.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know whether, in giving promotions, communal claims are considered by Government ?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Under certain exceptional circumstances, communal consideration is also taken into account.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : Sir, may I know whether the member is in a position to state the circumstances under which such claims are taken into consideration ? Is there any definite policy in regard to that ? Can he give the House an idea as to when such a course is resorted to?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have not got the information. I claim notice.

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : To the question asked by Mr. Haneef the answer was given that, until a certain proportion is reached, qualified Muhammedans will be appointed.

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT** : Are you putting a supplementary question ?

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Yes.

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT** : Please ask it.

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : The member was stating in answer to a former question that, until a particular proportion is reached, the claims of qualified Muhammedans will be specially considered. I wish to know what that proportion is.

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I did not say, Sir, that, until a particular proportion is reached, qualified Muhammedans will be appointed. I only said that the claims of qualified Muhammedans will be considered when vacancies arise.

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Did the member hear Mr. Haneef's question ?

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT** : The member must content himself with the answer given by the official member.

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : The answer will be complete only when it is taken along with the question.

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Sir, my answer to Mr. Haneef's question was that the claims of qualified Muhammedans will be considered when vacancies arise.

*Muslim Sub-Registrar.*

20. ***MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the date when the only Muhammedan Sub-Registrar now in service was appointed ?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Mr. C. H. C. Mahomed Kunju was appointed as a Sub-Registrar on the 12th Mithunam 1087.

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